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Rep. Gabrielle Giffords



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For cheapskates

Various locations

Play hooky at work and head to the museum campus for a day of exhibits and galleries. Today, the Shedd Aquarium, Art Institute of Chicago, Museum of Science and Industry and Field Museum all have free general admission. Various times.

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Yo, all y'all complainers. Kwitcherbitchin' and have a happy new year. :)

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Dear Ladies, I know your riveting analysis of "Wicked" is of the utmost importance to your friends, but taking up the entire sidewalk while walking .5 miles per hour is very frustrating to those looking to make their train. Sincerely, Someone Who Doesn't Have The Day Off.

MARK COSENZA

Yo! Chatty Kathy! I really don't care what your best friend's cousin's brother said to his baby momma! I just want to ride this subway in peace. K. Thanks!

ROBERT CHARLES

Hey Mr. and Mrs. Sunshine! Weekdays aren't holidays! Stop yelling "Happy Monday-Friday" at every single person that walks in the office, every freaking day! Save it for the birthdays!

JOEY RODRIGUEZ



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**TODAY'S
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These flurries may test our patience



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21**
Shoo, snow!



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Giffords in critical condition

U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords (above) is able to communicate with doctors by following simple commands, a doctor said Sunday. She remained in critical condition after a gunman shot her in the head and then opened fire on a crowd at a political meet-and-greet Saturday.

Obama calls for moment of silence

President Obama on Sunday postponed a trip to a General Electric unit later this week and called on Americans to hold a moment of silence at 10 a.m. CST on Monday.

Politicians: Tone down rhetoric

Lawmakers on Sunday called for toning down the political rhetoric in Washington and across the country following the deadly shooting.



Palin rep denies link to gun-sight map

A Sarah Palin (left) spokeswoman on Saturday denied a Web posting from the 2010 congressional campaign

that featured gun sights over the congressional districts of 20 Democratic candidates—including Giffords'—was designed to incite violence.

Idea for federal crime weighed

Rep. Robert Brady (D-Pa.) said Sunday he will introduce legislation making it a federal crime for a person to use language or symbols that could be perceived as threatening or inciting violence against a member of Congress or federal official.



Girl, 9, among those killed

Christina-Taylor Green (left), the 9-year-old girl killed by the Arizona gunman, was the granddaughter of former Cubs General Manager and

Philadelphia Phillies manager Dallas Green. Her father, John Green, is a scout for the L.A. Dodgers. She was born Sept. 11, 2001.

No major changes to Springfield security

When Gov. Quinn and other state officials are sworn into office in Springfield on Monday, there will be additional officers present but no major changes to security systems, a spokesman told The Associated Press.



People place candles at a makeshift memorial Sunday outside the University Medical Center in Tucson, Ariz., for victims of Saturday's attack on U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords. Six people were killed, and Giffords was among 14 others who were injured. GETTY IMAGES

AFTERMATH

CHARGES FILED AGAINST JARED LEE LOUGHNER, 22, FOLLOWING ARIZONA MELEE THAT LEAVES 6 DEAD

The suspect in the weekend massacre in Arizona scrawled "my assassination" and "I planned ahead" on an envelope found in his home, according to court documents released Sunday.

The details were part of criminal complaint filed against 22-year-old Jared Lee Loughner, the Tucson man now charged in Saturday's bloodbath at a supermarket where U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords was hosting an open house for constituents. Investigators found a letter from the congresswoman in a safe at the house where Loughner lived with his parents, thanking him for attending a similar 2007 event, a federal agent's affidavit states.

"Also recovered in the safe was an envelope with handwriting on the envelope stating 'I planned ahead,' and 'my assassination' and the name 'Giffords,' along with what appears to be Loughner's signature," the affidavit states.

The shootings killed six people, including a 9-year-old girl, U.S. District Judge John Roll and Giffords aide Gabe Zimmerman. Among the 14 wounded were Giffords, who was shot through the skull, and two other members of her staff.

Prosecutors filed two first-degree murder counts, two attempted murder counts and one count of attempting to kill a member of Congress against Loughner on Sunday. Those counts involve only victims who worked for the federal government, but state prosecutors also could bring charges in the remaining cases.

The murder count involving Roll states the judge, like Gifford and her aides, was conducting official duties at the time. According to the affidavit, Roll came down to Tucson from Phoenix to discuss the volume of federal cases in Arizona with Giffords and had talked with one of her aides, Ron Barber, before the shooting.



THE DEFENSE

Judy Clarke, a federal public defender known for handling high-profile cases, has

been appointed to represent Jared Lee Loughner (above), a federal judicial source told CNN. Clarke previously defended the "Unabomber," Ted Kaczynski, and assisted in the case of confessed al-Qaida operative Zacarias Moussaoui.

Loughner is scheduled to make an initial appearance before a federal magistrate in Phoenix on Monday, prosecutors said.



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TWEET OF THE WEEK

» **@jacobc** If you think baby puns are bad, just wait til they're full groan.

» TWITTER

Join our ongoing discussion at [twitter.com/
redeyechicago](https://twitter.com/redeyechicago).

Make the most of your tweets

As a social media guy, I'm often asked how to do more with Twitter, and specifically how to be noticed and gain followers.

The answer depends on how much work you want to put into it. Tweeting about breakfast—even when it includes bacon—never is going to do the trick, unless of course you're a famous chef.

If nothing else, do this: Always think about the other people who are reading your tweets. That rule applies for me whether I'm tweeting at work at ([@redeyechicago](https://twitter.com/redeyechicago)) or on my personal account ([@scottkleinberg](https://twitter.com/scottkleinberg)).

A great recent example of putting Twitter to good use comes from Cory Booker ([@corybooker](https://twitter.com/corybooker)), the mayor of Newark, N.J. When the Northeast was socked by a blizzard a few weeks ago, there were complaints—especially in New Jersey and New York—about snow-covered streets that hadn't been plowed even several days after the storm.

The mayor did exactly what I would have done: He turned to his Twitter account and a little more than a million followers to address resident concerns directly.

Booker gained roughly 6,000 followers between Dec. 27 and 30. And he did it by really helping people. There are too many examples to list, but in several cases he actually dispatched crews to a specific location, and on at least one occasion he looked at a photo sent in by a Twitter follower and said he'd "send folks to plow it over again."

Now that's service.

But of course, we aren't all mayors of big cities. So what can you do to get noticed and, at the same time, make a difference?

Two words: listen and engage.

Think of a topic you know something about. Is it a topic of conversation? Remember one of the basic rules of Twitter: You don't always have to start a conversation; you just have to participate.

I happen to know a thing or two about the iPhone. When that problem hit last week in which alarms weren't ringing, I searched "alarm iPhone" and responded to random tweets to help as many people as I could. I wasn't necessarily trying to gain followers, but I did gain some.

When a service outage hit Comcast Internet customers last month—myself included—I noticed a huge spike in tweets from people who hadn't heard what happened. I knew because I searched Twitter and got in touch with the [@comcastcares](https://twitter.com/comcastcares) account for verification. Then, without anyone asking me, I responded to the people who were asking for it.

Those are just a few ways to make a difference using Twitter. How will you make your mark? Tweet me, poke me—just tell me. Believe me, I'll remember.



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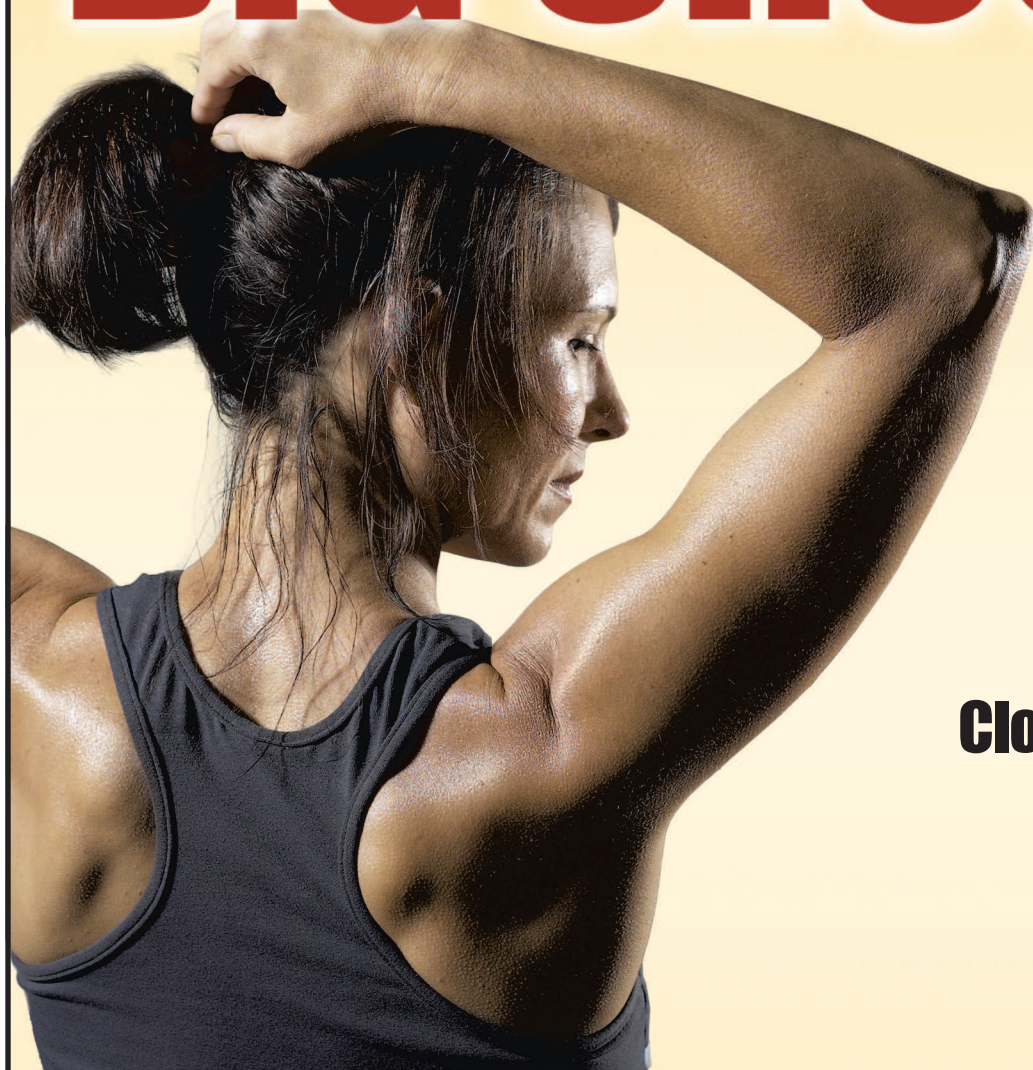
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Commuters wait at the Red Line Cermak station.
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Blue Line service resumes after fire

The CTA said Sunday that service on the Blue Line between O'Hare and Rosemont resumed by about 4:15 p.m. after it had stopped due to a fire reported in the area, according to the agency's website.

Emanuel: I won't shuffle police

Rahm Emanuel said Sunday he would add 1,000 new police officers to Chicago's streets if he is elected mayor, but he will not move cops from neighborhoods where they are deployed to more crime-ridden areas.

Goodwill grenade a dud

A worker at a Goodwill Store on the Near West Side on Sunday found what appeared to be a grenade among donated items, but police later determined it was only a replica.

Gutierrez endorses Chico for mayor

Gery Chico was endorsed for mayor Sunday by U.S. Rep. Luis Gutierrez, a move aimed at burnishing the former Chicago Public Schools chief's credentials in the Latino community.

Arrest in Honda theft spree

Chicago police arrested a man from Belmont Heights on Friday in connection with a string of car thefts in the area. In recent months, Jefferson Park District officers noticed that many Hondas were being stolen and then recovered with their catalytic converters missing.

Man fatally hit by Blue Line train

Service was disrupted on parts of the CTA Blue Line in and near downtown Saturday night after a man was fatally hit by a train, officials said. A southbound train came in contact with someone at the Chicago Avenue subway station about 8:30 p.m.

Cousins charged with murder

Two teenage cousins have been charged with robbing and beating to death a man over a disposable lighter, leaving the victim naked with his clothes piled on top of him in a Near West Side play lot, police and prosecutors said. **TRIBUNE**

Train Tracker site goes live

Chicago Tribune

Chicago train riders now can figure out how long they'll need to stand under those french fry lights to keep warm on frigid outdoor platforms, thanks to an online train tracker unveiled Saturday by the CTA.

Estimated times until the next train will arrive are listed on the CTA website, **transit.chicago.com**, with a simplified version available for mobile devices.

The agency used a \$100,000 grant to update the site, but otherwise will use existing budget funds to upgrade the signal system so software can monitor approximately where trains are along all eight rail lines, CTA President Rich Rodriguez said at a news conference with Mayor Daley.

In addition to the online information, arrival data also will be displayed on digital signs at 13 stations: Clinton, Ashland and California on the Green Line; Lake, Garfield, Cermak-Chinatown and Jackson on the Red Line; Chi-

cago on the Purple and Brown lines; Fullerton and Belmont on the Red, Brown and Purple lines; Halsted on the Orange Line; Polk on the Pink Line; and UIC-Halsted on the Blue Line.

Rodriguez said the system is designed to be accurate to within about a minute of a train's arrival, though most train cars—unlike CTA buses—are not equipped with GPS trackers to give their exact location.

The CTA and the RTA have struggled for years to resolve timing issues with the tracking

CTA BUS TRACKER CONNECTION

The CTA Bus Tracker program was launched in 2006 and uses GPS technology to track the progress of all CTA buses approaching about 12,000 bus stops in the city and suburbs.



train arrival times.

Since April, select CTA stations have been testing estimated arrival times on electric displays. The pilot system generates times using scheduling information and data collected by the CTA's QuickTrak program, which monitors signaling systems and indicates when a portion of the track is in use. The arrival predictions, given in 15-minute increments, will be calculated by averaging the travel times of the previous five trains to move across a given portion of the track, the CTA said.



Obama calls for peace as Sudan goes to polls

1 President Obama on Sunday welcomed the vote in Sudan on an independence referendum for the south and warned against rhetoric or violence aimed at discouraging people from going to the polls (above). **GETTY IMAGES/PHOTO**

Officer, civilian fatally shot

2 A policeman and civilian died and five others were wounded in a shooting incident outside a downtown Baltimore bar early Sunday morning, with friendly fire possibly a factor in the policeman's death, a police spokesman said.

Leak in Alaska pipeline

3 The Trans Alaska Pipeline shut down Saturday after a leak was discovered at the intake pump station at Prudhoe Bay, constricting supply in one of the country's key oil arteries.

Southeast braces for storm

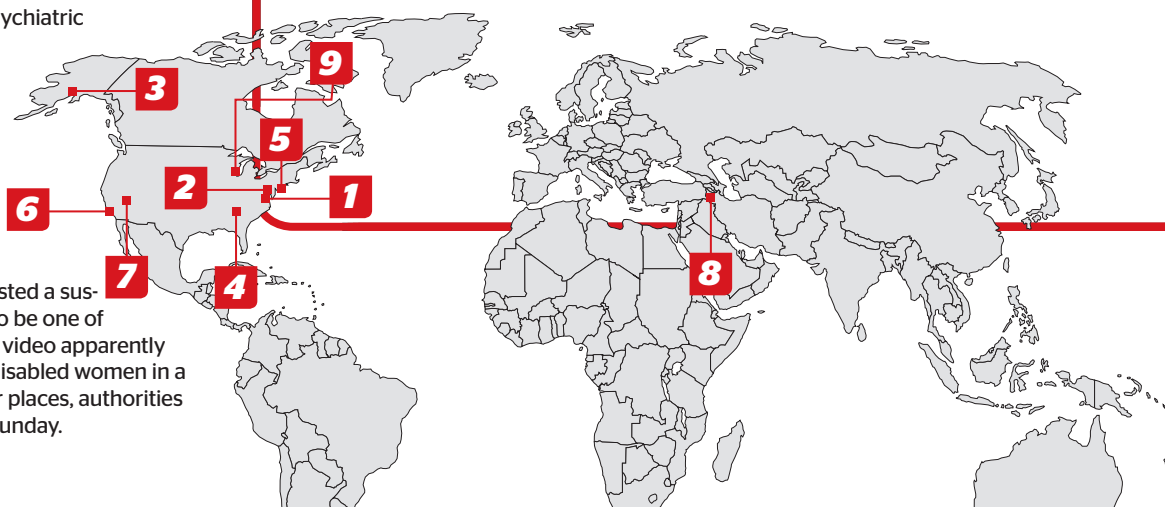
4 Some airlines began to announce flight cancellations ahead of a major winter storm that had been expected to dump snow and ice across the southeastern U.S. on Sunday night and Monday.

Model evaluated in connection with slaying

5 A male model suspected of killing a prominent Portuguese journalist in his posh Manhattan hotel room was undergoing a psychiatric evaluation Saturday at New York City's Bellevue Hospital, according to an NYPD law enforcement source.

Arrest in sex assault case

6 L.A. police arrested a suspect believed to be one of four men shown in a video apparently sexually assaulting disabled women in a care home and other places, authorities said in a statement Sunday.



Touchless tech a big draw at CES

7 LAS VEGAS Tech visionaries long have dreamed of the day when PCs, TVs and phones can be controlled with a wave of the hand or even the blink of an eye.

"Natural user interface" technologies on display at last week's Consumer Electronics Show suggest that vision is inching closer to the mainstream—tearing down barriers between user and device, and dispensing with unwieldy keyboards and remotes.

The technology, stoked in the public imagination by the hit sci-fi film "Minority Report," could be approaching a tipping point and can empower applications beyond simple user commands, according to industry insiders.

"Control everything without touching it—it's moving that way faster than ever," said Janine Kutliroff, CEO and founder

of Omek Interactive, an Israeli company that makes software for gesture recognition through 3-D sensors, so you can play games or manipulate a TV just by moving your hands and body.

"Cameras are going to get smaller and cheaper. There's a lot of competitive technology out there," said Kutliroff, whose company was one of a handful showing off gesture control technologies at CES in Las Vegas.

The opportunities for using sensors, cameras and voice recognition to make everyday objects "intelligent" is almost endless, promoters of the new technology say.

"We see a whole world where machines of any kind interact with you," said Uzi Breier, chief marketing officer for PrimeSense, an Israeli company that built some of the technology behind Mi-

crosoft's Kinect system, and has teamed up with Taiwan's Asustek to bring gesture-controlled TV and computer functions to the living room screen this year.



Deadly crash

8 At least 70 people were killed in an Iranian passenger plane crash Sunday near the northwestern city of Urumiyeh, a Red Crescent official said. **REUTERS**

Chicago gas prices highest in nation

9 CHICAGO The average price for a gallon of gasoline in the U.S. rose 9.32 cents from three weeks before, but the price increases have slowed and could stop rising, according to an industry analyst.

Chicago had the highest average price for self-service, regular unleaded gas in the 48 continental states at \$3.35 per gallon, while Salt Lake City had the lowest per-gallon price at \$2.73.

The national average for self-serve regular, unleaded gas was about \$3.08 a gallon Jan. 7, compared with three weeks ago when the average price was nearly \$2.98, according to the Lundberg survey of some 2,500 gas stations.

"It's up, but rate of increase did slow already, and there are reasons to believe that it will slow further or even will stop," survey editor Trilby Lundberg said.

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NFL PLAYOFFS

Bears running back Matt Forte (22) is smothered by the Seattle defense in the teams' October matchup. The Seahawks beat the Bears 23-20. JOSÉ M. OSORIO/TRIBUNE FILE



Green Bay running back Brandon Jackson shakes off a tackle during the Packers' playoff win over host Philadelphia on Sunday. GETTY IMAGES

GREEN BAY 21, PHILADELPHIA 16

Green Bay packs bags for Atlanta

Reuters

The Green Bay Packers withstood a ferocious late finish from the Philadelphia Eagles to win their NFL playoff 21-16 on Sunday and advance to the next weekend's divisional playoffs in Atlanta.

The Packers, one of the preseason favorites to win this year's Super Bowl, never trailed during the game but almost came unstuck in the final quarter as the Eagles threatened to steal victory.

Green Bay quarterback Aaron Rodgers threw three touchdown passes in the win, but the NFL's fifth-ranked defense also benefited from some missed opportunities by the Eagles.

The NFC East division champions missed two field goals and a last-gasp pass from quarterback Michael Vick that might have led to a winning touchdown but was intercepted in the end zone.

"We're just getting started," Packers coach Mike McCarthy told reporters. "We just won a big football game here against a championship-caliber program and we have an opportunity to go to Atlanta to play the No. 1 seed down there."

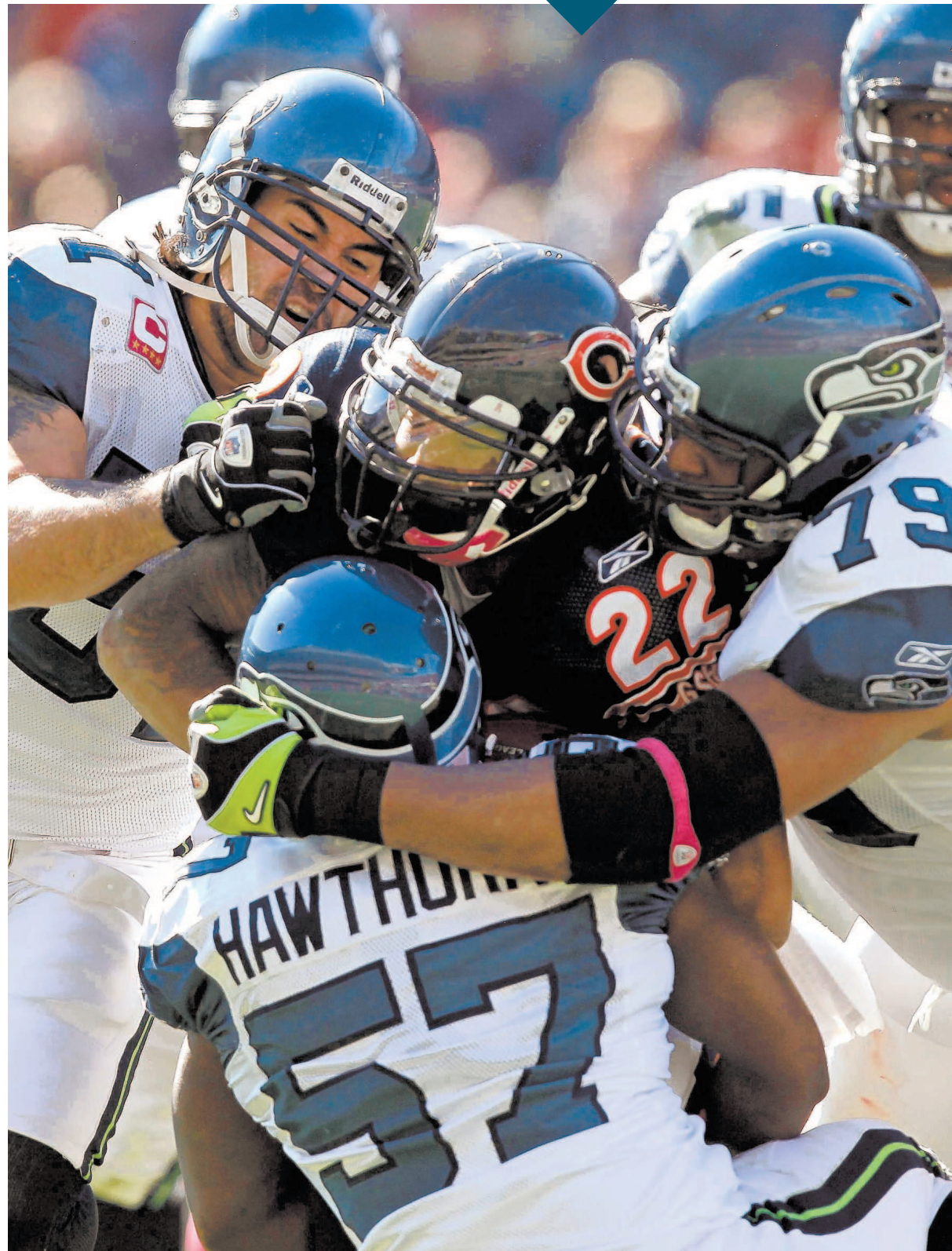
Baltimore 30, Kansas City 7

The Baltimore Ravens rode the emotions of a determined defense and the strong arm of Joe Flacco to a 30-7 win over the overmatched Kansas City Chiefs in a wild-card game Sunday.

In a playoff weekend that began with upsets, the Ravens slammed the young Chiefs by forcing five turnovers and getting two touchdown passes from Flacco.

The Ravens' fourth road playoff win in three seasons advances the AFC's No. 5 seed to the divisional round against their AFC North rival Pittsburgh Steelers. The Ravens will play the second-seeded Steelers on Saturday at Heinz Field, where the Ravens beat them earlier this season.

"It seems like it's poetic justice. I'm sure [the Steelers will] bring their A game and we'll try to bring our A game and we'll see what happens," coach John Harbaugh said. MCT



The Whizzer Report

In Wednesday's RedEye, our prognosticating pooch predicted the NFL wild card weekend. Here's how he fared.

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NEW ORLEANS 31, SEATTLE 20
SEATTLE 41, NEW ORLEANS 36



INDIANAPOLIS 27, N.Y. JETS 23
N.Y. JETS 17, INDIANAPOLIS 16

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FACEOFF: BEARS VS. SEATTLE

REMATCH

POINTS

Bears, Seahawks meet again with trip to NFC championship up for grabs

RedEye

What should we call this? The Remake By the Lake? The Do-Over on Lake Shore?

Whatever we call it, the Bears-Seattle playoff game at noon Sunday has all the makings of a classic grudge match. The Seahawks surprised the Bears with a 23-20 win at Soldier Field on Oct. 17, just like they surprised the Saints on Saturday in Seattle, 41-36.

Based on the previous Bears-Seattle matchup, expect an aerial show with the special teams playing a big role in the outcome. But who needs statistics and in-depth analysis when a RedEye-style faceoff will do?

CELEB SUPPORTERS

☒ **BEARS:** Celeb power couple Ashton Kutcher and Demi Moore often tweet their support of the Bears.

☐ **SEATTLE:** Former Guns N' Roses bassist and current Velvet Revolver bassist Duff McKagan just wrote about his Seahawks devotion in his blog on espn.com.

» We'll take our celebrity fans not washed-up, thanks.

STAT PACK

☒ **BEARS:** 289.4 yards per game, 20.9 points per game, 314.3 yards allowed per game, 17.9 points allowed per game.

☐ **SEATTLE:** 297.8 yards per game, 19.4 points per game, 368.6 yards allowed per game, 25.4 points allowed per game

» Bears all day on defense, most of the day on offense.

FIGHT SONG

☒ **BEARS:** "Bear Down, Chicago Bears"

☐ **SEATTLE:** None.

» How can a team, in this day and age, have no official fight song?

CHEERLEADERS

☐ **BEARS:** None.

☒ **SEATTLE:** The Sea Gals (below)
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» Speaking of not having any. D'oh, Bears, d'oh.



MASCOT

☒ **BEARS:** Staley the Bear

☐ **SEATTLE:** Blitz

» Blitz is a seahawk, or osprey to be specific, but he has hair. Wrong.

TWITTER FOLLOWERS

☒ **BEARS:** 31,327

☐ **SEAHAWKS:** 26,064

RIDICULOUS RUN

☒ **BEARS:** Devin Hester sets an NFL record for kick return touchdowns with a 64-yarder at Minnesota that helped the Bears clinch the NFC North title.

☐ **SEATTLE:** Marshawn Lynch has perhaps the play of the wild card weekend, rumbling 67 yards for a touchdown to seal the Seahawks' win over New Orleans.

» Hester's return was historically significant in addition to being just plain awesome.

OVERALL WINNER
 Just like many people expect Sunday, this one's a blowout. Bears dominate almost every facet of the game.



Kickers' feats rock playoffs

Peyton Manning has called his an "idiot kicker." Mike Ditka once called his "mentally weak" and "gutless."

They both were talking about their teams' kickers, a position that often takes a beating in the NFL.

This past weekend, kickers played pivotal roles in two games.

In Philadelphia's five-point home loss to Green Bay, Eagles kicker David Akers missed two field goals—one of them a 34-yarder. In Indianapolis' one-point home loss, N.Y. Jets kicker Nick Folk hit the game-winning field goal as time expired.

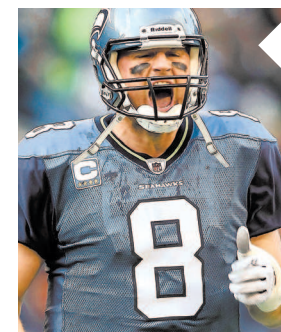
Manning probably said something even worse than "idiot kicker" after that.



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The good, the bad, and the ugly this week in the NFL.



OH YES! Matt Hasselbeck

The bald one threw for 272 yards and four touchdowns in Seattle's upset of the defending champion New Orleans Saints.

OH NO! Dwayne Bowe

He led the NFL in touchdowns in the regular season, but he didn't even show up in the stats in Kansas City's home loss to Baltimore. Just call him Dwayne No.



UH-OH! Donald Driver

Green Bay has been decimated by injuries this season, and dependable receiver Donald Driver went down in the fourth quarter of the Packers' win. He did not return.



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"We've priced every remaining 2010 Ford car, truck, van and SUV at rock bottom rates. Our sales managers and our sales consultants have been given incentives to sell as many vehicles as possible. The success of the December event is causing us to extend it."

Piemonte went on to explain, "This is the only time of year that we actually have overlapping sales events. In addition to the Model Year End Closeout Sale, we have also kicked off our New Year/New Car Event. If you can't find a deal here, you better give up. It's that good of a sale!"



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1 What did you see this weekend in the NFL playoffs that worried you?	I'm worried Peyton Manning's forehead vein is finally headed for a BP-esque pop.	The Seattle Seahawks. Seriously, they should scare EVERYONE.	Rex Ryan jogging at an accelerated speed. Slow down, big guy, your team needs you next week too.	That the crazy unpredictability from the NFL regular season continues. Seattle? Really?	It's what I didn't see. Where's Brett Favre?? I worry for massage therapists.
2 What lesson could the Bears have learned from the wild card weekend?	To never underestimate Seattle, home of such plucky underdogs as Starbucks and Microsoft.	All the stoic coaches got bounced. Lovie needs to scream, do the Dougie, whatever, just EMOTE!	What not to wear for post-game interviews: anything Michael Irvin's ever worn on "NFL GameDay."	Take nothing for granted. (Again ... Seattle?)	Not all birds are falling from the sky. Beware.
3 If Richard Dent doesn't make the NFL Hall of Fame this time there's always hope for a People's Choice Award. You're only a co-starring gig with Sandra Bullock away.	... I'm going to be introducing some sportswriters/former players to my good friend Mr. Backhand.	... former teammate Mike Singletary is gonna protest, pantsless, in Canton 'til he does.	... he should get a reality show and run for president in 2012. If Seattle can win he can stand on a corner and impress people with his golden voice. A sure way to gain fame!
4 Give Matt Garza a proper welcome to Chicago sports.	Matt, welcome. You'll find the people here are tough but fair, except for the fair part.	Win, stick it out until the team gets better and stay away from the Gatorade if Z is having a bad day.	Welcome to the Big Apple, Joaquin!	Dude, treat the sports media in this town like Glenn Close in "Fatal Attraction" and you'll do fine.	Welcome! Don't subscribe to the Sun-Times.
5 What statement did the Bulls make in their win over Boston?	That they can beat the Celtics without Garnett. In related news, I can outdrive a car with no engine.	"We don't need a full competitive roster with bench depth! We got Kurt Effin Thomas."	Free throws are optional when D. Rose is dropping 36.	"We can beat any team not from New Jersey!"	That the Celtics are "big babies."

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Northwestern forward John Shurna (left) is fouled by Indiana's Will Sheehey during the first half Sunday in Evanston.

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'Cats scratch win column in Big Ten

There were signs Sunday night that Northwestern had salvaged its season.

John Shurna scored 24 points, the Wildcats got easy baskets on in-

bounds and back-door plays and the defense held Indiana to 36 percent shooting in the first half.

Then again, maybe it was the competition. Indiana entered on a five-game losing streak.

Whatever the case, Northwestern will take it. The Wildcats' 93-81 victory allowed them to crack the win column in Big Ten play.

"Just to get that first win was really important," said coach Bill Carmody, whose team improved to 10-4, 1-3. "We were pretty down, so I was not sure exactly what would happen."

Said Luka Mirkovic, who scored a career-high 20 points and grabbed a game-high 12 rebounds: "This game proved what our team is all about, the resilience."

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

» Southern Illinois 63, Illinois St. 59

» Northern Iowa 83, Bradley 77

Brewer buoys Bulls



Bulls guard Ronnie Brewer slams in two of his 10 points against Boston on Saturday at the United Center. NUCCIO DINUZZO/TRIBUNE

The bait was out there, but Ronnie Brewer was too smart to take it.

After Brewer's superb performance Saturday against the Celtics, a reporter asked him if his goal is to crack the Bulls' starting lineup.

Brewer took a pass.

"That's up to Thibs," he said of coach Tom Thibodeau. "All I can do is be ready to play whenever my name is called."

That call came when it mattered most. Brewer played every second of the fourth quarter of the Bulls' 90-79 victory over the defending Eastern Conference champs.

So did Ray Allen, the man Brewer guarded. Allen didn't get off a single shot, make a steal or dish out an assist over the game's final 12 minutes.

"I tried to stay on him as close as possible," Brewer said. "Ray Allen ... can really fill up the stat sheet."

The same can be said of Brewer, who scored 10 points, grabbed six boards, had two steals and dished out two assists in 32-plus minutes.

"The more minutes he played," Thibodeau said, "our energy was up. So we extended his minutes, and he did a very good job."

Brewer had the Bulls bench roaring in approval with 9 1/2 minutes left in the game. Boston's Marquis Daniels posted him up and backed him up with a few dribbles. Then Brewer reached around with his left hand, dove on the floor to complete the steal and initiated a fast break.

"He has been playing phenomenal," center Kurt Thomas said. "He's knocking shots down, slashing, getting around the rim, getting nice little tip-ins and layups. And chasing guys on defense and getting steals."

GAME PLANNER

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Bulls vs. Detroit 7 p.m. CSN
Notre Dame at Marquette 6 p.m. ESPN2

BLACKHAWKS 5, N.Y. ISLANDERS 0

Marian Hossa had a goal and two assists, Patrick Sharp, Patrick Kane and Niklas Hjalmarsson each had a goal and assist and Dave Bolland also scored as the Blackhawks defeated the N.Y. Islanders 5-0 on Sunday night.

» New Jersey's attempts to acquire Denver's Carmelo Anthony are "further along" than any trade scenario that has been discussed since their near-acquisition of Anthony in late September, espn.com reported Sunday.

FINAL SCORE

» Toronto 4, Wolves 3

» White Sox finalize minor league contracts with right-handers Josh Kinney and Shane Lindsay.

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Meet your veggies

Sides that
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at meat-
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restaurants

By Linda Hays

Forget any childhood memories of stashing Brussels sprouts in your napkin at the dinner table. Thanks to the palate-pleasing vegetables on menus at some of the city's latest meat-centric restaurants, you'll be able to get your fill sans nagging. Hot or cold, fried or smoked and everything in between, these veggie dishes deserve space on your table alongside the meaty main attractions.

Girl & the Goat

809 W. Randolph St.
312-492-6262

Known for: A smokehouse aroma from signature dishes such as smoked goat pizza (\$16) and wood oven-roasted pig face (\$16).

Veggie dishes to try: Chickpea fritters (\$11). Crispy on the outside and creamy on the inside, these gems are garnished with romesco sauce, hummus and goat feta.

Chef Stephanie Izard also jazzes up sauteed green beans (\$8) with fish-sauce vinaigrette, cashews and aioli.

The Purple Pig

500 N. Michigan Ave.
312-464-1744

Known for: Pork dishes, obviously, from milk-braised pork shoulder (\$9) and pork blade steak (\$14) to fried pig's ear with crispy kale and fried egg (\$6).

Veggie dishes to try: Brussels sprouts, served two ways. Cold shaved sprouts (\$6) are fresh and light with pecorino noce, parmigiano-reggiano and lemon. Fried sprouts (\$6) are served hot with thyme, lemon and chili flakes (2).

Chicago Q

1160 N. Dearborn St.
312-642-1160

Known for: Barbecue such as ribs (\$14.25-\$26.75), pulled

pork shoulder (\$11.25) and the Kobe chopped brisket sandwich (\$11.25).

Veggie dish to try:

The vegan, entree-size salad (1) with hominy, smoked yellow corn, black beans, cilantro, avocado, smoked grape tomatoes and guajillo vinaigrette (\$9.75). The hominy, corn and beans add layers of texture while the other veggies bring fullness to those Tex-Mex flavors.

Three Aces

1321 W. Taylor St. 312-243-1577

Known for: Farm-inspired dishes with American ingredients and Italian touches, such as lamb and pork belly sausage (\$10) and the Ace burger with aged white cheddar and bacon jam (\$12).

Veggie dishes to try: The beet and bacon hash (\$6), a hearty mixture of roasted beets, potatoes, bacon, ricotta and scallions with olive oil. Brussels sprouts (\$5), halved and seared like scallops, reveal a blast of flavor from brown butter, vegetable stock and lemon zest.

Arami

1829 W. Chicago Ave.
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Known for: Authentic Japanese sushi and meat dishes, such as the Arami ramen with braised beef and pork belly (\$15) and braised beef short rib with pickled Asian pear (\$10).

Veggie dishes to try: Veggie

udon loaded with soy-braised daikon, mushrooms, eggplant, carrot, scallions and egg (\$12). Sushi lovers can opt for veggie options such as the meaty king oyster mushroom, roasted avocado, grilled asparagus or grilled green pepper (\$3 for two pieces of nigiri; \$6 for six pieces of maki).

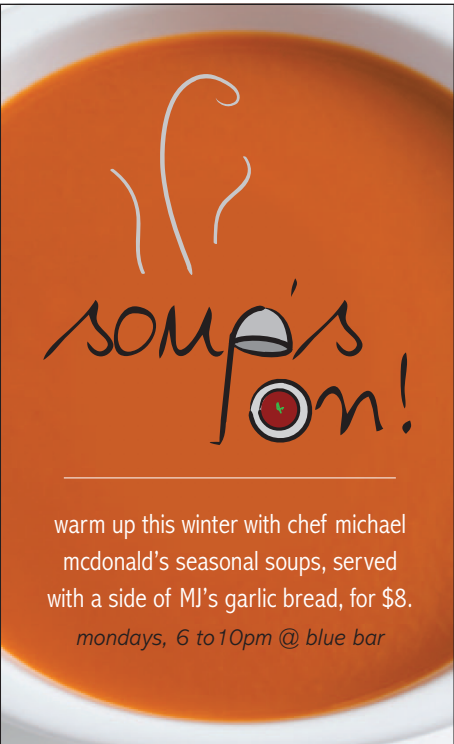
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Known for: Hearty American plates such as uber-tender beef pot roast (\$19) and oven-roasted pork meatballs (\$17).

Veggie dishes to try: The blackened cauliflower (\$6), which packs a bit of heat thanks to chili and a bright kick from pickled onion and capers (3). For a lighter pick, try the roasted beet salad (\$10) with clementines, toasted pistachios, feta cheese, arugula and pink peppercorn vinaigrette.

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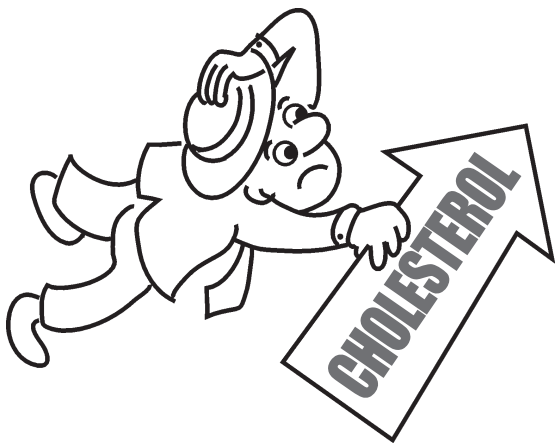
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Well, we love rocking out and having fun, so the shows are always a great time. But we also want to give people musical experiences that are meaningful. Not just a great sound, but something that digs in a little deeper and reminds you there is still beauty and hope in this crazy world.

Describe your sound in five words or less.

Rock with a dreamy edge.

Whom would you want to work with? With whom would you never work?

T-Bone Burnett. Definitely want to write a song with him at some point in life! We would never work with anyone who has starred in a reality show. It's just too much.

If the band were a cartoon character, whom would it be and why?

Sara could be a nicer version of Daria—pretty, but trying not to fit into mainstream. The guys are definitely Ninja Turtles. They are so fun and smart! They all have or are working towards master's degrees or doctoral degrees.



CHI-TUNES

MORE ONLINE

Listen to Sara Masterson's (left) "Find Your Way" at chicagonow.com/chi-tunes

What's the best album you've heard recently?

Brooke Fraser: "Flags"

What song do you never want to hear again?

No offense, but Lady Gaga. All of her songs are just played too much.

What is Chicago's best music venue and why?

Definitely the Metro or the Vic for seeing live music. We love those intimate venues where you feel like you really get to know the performer.

MONDAY CONCERTS

COSTANZA, HORRIBLE THINGS, THE NESMINS

8 p.m. Cover varies. Cafeteria y Restaurante de Pancho, 2200 N. California Ave. 773-772-7811.

DARLING, LUCAS

9:45 p.m. Free. The Whistler, 2421 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-227-3530.

EXTRAORDINARY POPULAR DELUSIONS, PAAL NILSSEN-LOVE

8:30 p.m. Free. Beat Kitchen, 2100 W. Belmont Ave. 773-281-4444.

GOOD APPLES, BOB

Rock, D-Nick and the Microphone Misfit,



SLEEPING IN THE AVIARY, THE NOTHING-HEADS, DISTRACTIONS
9:30 p.m. Free. Empty Bottle, 1035 N. Western Ave. 773-276-3600.

POWERS
9 p.m. \$5. Double Door, 1572 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-489-3160.

MOUNTAINS FOR CLOUDS, MIDAIR, GEFFIKA
9:30 p.m. Empty Bottle, 1035 N. Western Ave. 773-276-3600.

NOTHING TO GAIN,

THE KRANK KADDIES
8 p.m. Free. Reggie's Music Joint, 2105 S. State St. 312-949-0120.

PATRICIA BARBER QUARTET
9 p.m. \$7. Green Mill, 4802 N. Broadway. 773-878-5552.

ROBBIE FULKS, BEAU SAMPLE

7 p.m. \$10 suggested donation. Hideout, 1354 W. Wabansia Ave. 773-227-4433.

SCOTT ANDERSON'S NIA QUINTET
9 p.m. Free. Morseland, 1218 W. Morse Ave. 773-764-8900.

TIN LYNOTT
8 p.m. \$5. Martyrs', 3855 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-404-9869.

TODD CAREY
8 p.m. \$6. Schubas, 3159 N. Southport Ave. 773-525-2508.

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Chicago Tribune Upcoming Events

**Jan.
26**



**Gail
MarksJarvis**
Personal Finance
Seminar
**In Control in
An Uncertain
Job Market**

Chicago Tribune
finance columnist Gail
MarksJarvis conducts
a seminar about
securing your financial
and career position
in an uncertain job
market.

Time: 12 p.m.
Location: Tribune
Tower, 435 N.
Michigan Ave.
Tickets: \$35. Includes
lunch.

Presented by:



**Jan.
27**



**Chicago
Forward:**
Conversations
about the Future
**Mayoral
Debate**

The Chicago Tribune
and City Club of
Chicago present a
mayoral debate. Catch
it **LIVE** on WGN-
TV, chicagotribune.
com, CLTV and WGN
Radio. **Be a part of
the studio audience!**
Send us your job
description for the next
Mayor. 15 winners
will be selected. Visit
TribNation for details.

Time: 7 p.m.

Presented by:



**Jan.
30**



TribU:
Lessons for Life
**Becoming
a Better
Photographer**

Chicago Tribune
photojournalists and
editors show their
work and teach their
craft during this
interactive class.

Time: 10 a.m.
to 2 p.m.
Location: Tribune
Tower, 435 N.
Michigan Ave.
Tickets: \$75.
Portfolio review \$25
supplement. Includes
lunch.

Presented by:



**Feb.
1**



**Chicago
Forward:**
Conversations
about the Future
**A Healthy
Chicago**

Dr. Mehmet Oz and
two of Chicago's
leaders in medicine,
Dr. Eric E. Whitaker
and Donna
Thompson, to talk
about the future
of health care in
Chicago. Bruce Dold
moderates.

Time: 6 p.m.
Location: The
Murphy Auditorium,
50 E. Erie St.
Tickets: \$10.
Includes reception.

Presented by:



**Feb.
2**



Ask Amy!
Relationships 101
**A Survival
Guide for
Parenting
Teens**

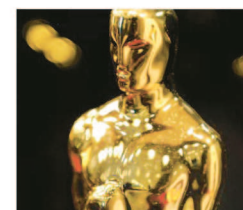
Advice columnist
Amy Dickinson and
guest expert Tom
Matlack, founder
of the Good Men
Project discuss
helping parents
survive the teenage
years with their
sanity intact.

Time: 7 p.m.
Location: The
Wilmette Theatre,
1122 Central Ave.
Tickets: \$20.
Includes reception
with food and drink.

Presented by:



**Feb.
3**



TribU:
Lessons for Life
**Gold Bald
Men and the
Actors Who
Love Them**

Can we pick 'em?
The Oscars, that is.
Join the Tribune's
Michael Phillips with
Tasha Robinson,
Nathan Rabin, Adam
Kempenaar and
Matty Robinson for
an evening of sober
discussion, penetrating
insights and cheap
gossip.

Time: 8 p.m.
Location: TBA.
Tickets: \$15.

Presented by:



For Tickets: chicagotribune.com/tribnation

MONDAY WINE DEALS

BLUE LINE LOUNGE AND GRILL
\$3 house red and white glasses of wine; 1548 N. Damen Ave. 773-395-3700.

BRIDGET MCNEILL'S
Half-price bottles of wine; 420 W. Belmont Ave. 773-248-6654.

CHIEF O'NEILL'S PUB
\$5 glasses of wine; 3471 N. Elston Ave. 773-473-5263.

CORCORAN'S GRILL & PUB
Half-price bottles of wine; 1615 N. Wells St. 312-440-0885.

HACKNEY'S
Half-price bottles of wine; 733 S. Dearborn St. 312-461-1116.

KINCADE'S
\$5 glasses of wine; 950 W. Armitage Ave. 773-348-0010.

MYSTIC CELT
Half-price bottles of wine; 3443 N. Southport Ave. 773-529-8550.

PEOPLE LOUNGE
Half-price bottles of wine; 1560 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-227-9339.

ROCKIT BAR & GRILL
Half-price bottles of wine; 22 W. Hubbard St. 312-645-6000.

ROSCOE'S TAVERN
Half-price bottles of wine; 3356 N. Halsted St. 773-281-3355.

SALUTE CUCINA & WINEBAR
Half-price bottles of wine with entree purchase; 46 E. Superior St. 312-664-0100.

SWEETWATER
Half-price bottles of wine; 225 N. Michigan Ave. 312-698-7111.



MAHONEY'S PUB & GRILL
Half-price glasses and bottles of wine; 551 N. Ogden Ave. 312-733-2121.

THE TASTING ROOM
Half-price glasses of wine; 1415 W. Randolph St. 312-942-1313.

TILLI'S
Half-price bottles of wine with purchase of two entrees; 1952 N.

Halsted St.
773-325-0044.

VAUGHAN'S PUB
\$4 glasses of wine, half-price bottles of wine; 2917 N. Sheffield Ave. 773-281-8188.

VINES ON CLARK
Half-price wine; 3554 N. Clark St. 773-327-8572.

VINTAGE 338

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\$15 per flight, \$5 off bottles of Italian wine; 338 W. Armitage Ave., Chicago, 773-525-0521.

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■ **Season of the Witch** (PG-13) ♦ 2:50,5:15,7:40,10:10
■ **Gulliver's Travels** (PG) ♦ 2:45,5:00,7:15,9:30
■ **Little Fockers** (PG-13) 2:30,4:55,7:20,9:45
■ **Tron: Legacy 3D** (PG) 1:20,4:10,7:00,9:50
■ **True Grit** (PG-13) ♦ 1:55,4:40,7:25,10:05
■ AMC Independent **The Fighter** (R) 1:45,4:35,7:15,10:00
■ **How Do You Know** (PG-13) 1:15,4:05,7:05,9:55
■ **The Tourist** (PG-13) 1:30,4:25,7:10,9:40
■ **The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader 3D** (PG) 1:40,4:15,6:50,9:25

LANDCENTURY CENTRE CINEMA (LANDMARK)
2828 North Clark St., Chicago
(773) 509-4949

■ **Blue Valentine** (R) 1:40,4:20,4:45,7:00,9:40,10:00
■ **Somewhere** (R) 1:40,4:20,7:10,9:40
■ **Black Swan** (R) 1:00,2:00,4:00,7:00,9:45,10:10
■ **The King's Speech** (R) 1:00,3:45,4:45,6:30,7:30,9:20
■ **I Love You Phillip Morris** (R) 1:45,7:15
■ **Rabbit Hole** (PG-13) 1:55,4:40,7:20,9:50

CITY NORTH 14 (REGAL)
2600 N. Western Ave.
(800) 326-3264 #1642

■ **The Green Hornet** (PG-13) Advance Tickets Available
■ **The Dilemma** (PG-13) Advance Tickets Available
■ **Gulliver's Travels 3D** (PG) 12:40,3:30,6:40,9:30
■ **Tron: Legacy 3D** (PG) 1:00,4:00,7:00,10:00
■ **The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader 3D** (PG) 12:00,2:40,10:30
■ **Yogi Bear 3D** (PG) 1:10,3:40,6:10,8:45
■ **Season of the Witch** (PG-13) 12:20,3:00,5:40,8:15,10:45
■ **True Grit** (PG-13) (Open captioned) 1:20,7:20
■ **True Grit** (PG-13) 2:00,4:20,5:00,8:00,10:10,10:50
■ **Little Fockers** (PG-13) 1:30,2:30,4:30,5:30,7:30,8:30,10:20
■ **The Fighter** (R) 12:50,3:50,6:50,7:40,9:50,10:40
■ **Yogi Bear** (PG) 12:30,2:50,5:10
■ **The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader** (PG) 5:20,7:55
■ **The Tourist** (PG-13) 12:15,3:10,6:20,9:15
■ **Tangled** (PG) 1:40,4:10,7:10,9:45
■ **Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1** (PG-13) 12:10,3:20,6:30,9:40

DAVIS THEATRE (VALUE)
4614 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago
(773) 784-0893

■ **The King's Speech** (R) 4:50,7:30,10:00
■ **Little Fockers** (PG-13) 5:45,7:45,9:45
■ **True Grit** (PG-13) 5:00,7:20,9:40
■ **Black Swan** (R) 5:00,7:15,9:30

FORD CITY 14 (AMC)
S. Cicero at 76th., Chicago
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■ **Season of the Witch** (PG-13) ♦ 11:05,1:30,4:05,6:35,9:15
■ **Gulliver's Travels** (PG) ♦ 11:10,1:20,3:30,5:40,8:00,10:20
■ **Little Fockers** (PG-13) ♦ 10:45,1:05,3:25,5:50,8:10,10:30
■ **Tron: Legacy** (PG) 10:50,12:15,1:40,3:05,4:30,5:55,7:20,9:00,10:10
■ **True Grit** (PG-13) 11:00,1:35,4:10,6:55,9:35
■ **Yogi Bear 3D** (PG) ♦ 12:30,2:35,4:50,7:00,9:15
■ **Yogi Bear** (PG) ♦ 11:15,1:25,3:55,6:15,8:35
■ AMC Independent **The Fighter** (R) 10:55,1:35,4:25,5:50,7:05,8:30,9:50
■ **The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader** (PG) 11:25,2:00,4:45,7:25,10:00
■ **The Tourist** (PG-13) 11:20,1:50,4:15,7:10,9:40
■ **Tangled** (PG) 11:40,2:20,5:05,7:35,9:55
■ **Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1** (PG-13) 11:30,2:40
■ **Unstoppable** (PG-13) 11:45,2:10,4:35,7:00,9:30

GENE SISKEL FILM CENTER
164 State Street
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■ **Guy and Madeline on a Park Bench** (NR) 6:00 P.M.
■ **My Dog Tulip** (NR) 6:15,8:00
■ **It's Your Fault** (NR) 7:45 P.M.

LOGAN THEATRE
2646 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago
(773) 252-0628

■ **Tangled** (PG) 1:15,3:20,5:25,7:30,9:35
■ **Due Date** (R) 1:00,2:50,4:50,6:40,8:30,10:20
■ **Burlesque** (PG-13) 2:00,4:30,7:10,9:50
■ **Megamind** (PG) 12:50,2:40,4:40,6:30,8:20,10:10

MUSIC BOX
3733 N. Southport, Chicago
(773) 871-6604

■ **My Uncle** (NR) 5:00,7:20
■ **Casino Jack** (R) 5:15,7:30,9:45
■ **All Good Things** (R) 9:40 P.M.

PIPERS ALLEY (AMC)
1608 N. Wells, Chicago
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■ **The Social Network** (PG-13) 2:25,5:00,7:45
■ AMC Independent **No One Killed Jessica** (NR) 3:30,7:00
■ AMC Independent **Fair Game** (PG-13) 2:15,4:45,7:30
■ AMC Independent **Inside Job** (PG-13) 2:45,5:15,8:00

RIVER EAST 21 (AMC)
322 E. Illinois Street, Chicago
(888) AMC-4FUN
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■ AMC Independent **Blue Valentine** (R) 11:30,1:15,2:15,4:00,5:00,7:05,8:05,9:55,10:55
■ **Season of the Witch** (PG-13) 11:20,1:10,2:10,3:55,4:55,6:30,7:30,9:10,10:10
■ AMC Independent **The King's Speech** (R) ♦ 11:05,1:05,2:10,4:10,5:10,7:15,8:15
■ **The Social Network** (PG-13) 9:25 P.M.
■ AMC Independent **Country Strong** (PG-13) ♦ 11:00,2:00,5:00,8:00,10:55
■ **Little Fockers** (PG-13) 11:45,1:25,2:25,4:10,5:10,6:50,7:50,9:30,10:30
■ **Gulliver's Travels 3D** (PG) 11:55,2:15,4:40,7:10,9:35
■ **True Grit** (PG-13) ♦ 11:40,1:35,2:35,4:25,5:35,7:15,8:20,9:55,10:50
■ AMC Independent **Black Swan** (R) 11:50,1:30,2:30,4:20,5:20,7:25,8:15,10:15
■ **Yogi Bear 3D** (PG) ♦ 11:55,2:15,4:35
■ **Tron: Legacy 3D** (PG) 11:10,2:10,5:05,7:00,8:10,10:00,11:00
■ AMC Independent **The Fighter** (R) 11:10,1:50,4:45,7:35,10:20
■ **How Do You Know** (PG-13) 1:15,7:40
■ **The Tourist** (PG-13) 11:25,4:50,10:25
■ **The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader 3D** (PG) 11:15,2:05,4:55,7:50,10:35
■ **Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1** (PG-13) 11:35,2:50,6:05
■ **Tangled 3D** (PG) 11:30,2:05,4:40,7:20,9:40

SHOWPLACE VILLAGE CROSSING (AMC)
7000 Carpenter Rd., Chicago
(800) 326-3264 #2309

■ **Season of the Witch** (PG-13) 1:15,2:10,3:50,4:50,6:30,7:30,9:10,10:15
■ AMC Independent **The King's Speech** (R) 1:00,4:00,7:05,10:05
■ **The Social Network** (PG-13) 4:50,11:00
■ AMC Independent **Country Strong** (PG-13) 2:15,5:15,8:15,10:55
■ **Gulliver's Travels** (PG) 12:10,2:45,5:10,7:45,10:20
■ **Little Fockers** (PG-13) 2:00,3:15,4:35,7:20,9:05,10:00
■ **True Grit** (PG-13) 12:25,1:50,4:45,6:15,7:40,10:35
■ AMC Independent **Black Swan** (R) 1:05,3:55,6:50,9:40
■ **Tron: Legacy** (PG) 1:40,8:00
■ **Yogi Bear 3D** (PG) 12:55,3:20,5:45,8:10,10:30
■ **How Do You Know** (PG-13) 7:15,10:25
■ **Tron: Legacy: An IMAX 3D Experience** (PG) 12:50,3:50,7:00,10:10
■ AMC Independent **The Fighter** (R) 1:45,4:55,7:50,10:45
■ **Yogi Bear** (PG) 12:05,2:20,4:40
■ **The Tourist** (PG-13) 12:05,2:50,5:35,8:20,10:50
■ **The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader 3D** (PG) 12:00,2:35,5:40,8:30
■ **Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1** (PG-13) 12:40,3:55,7:10,10:40
■ **Tangled** (PG) 1:10,3:45,6:35,9:15

WEBSTER PLACE 11 (REGAL)

1471 W. Webster Ave., Chicago
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■ **The Dilemma** (PG-13) Advance Tickets Available
■ **Tron: Legacy 3D** (PG) 1:20,4:20,7:20,10:10
■ **The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader 3D** (PG) 3:20,9:20
■ **Season of the Witch** (PG-13) 2:30,5:00,7:30,10:00
■ **Country Strong** (PG-13) 1:15,4:15,7:15,10:15
■ **True Grit** (PG-13) 1:45,2:45,4:30,5:15,7:00,7:45,9:50,10:20
■ **The Fighter** (R) 2:10,4:50,7:40,10:30
■ **Gulliver's Travels** (PG) 1:10,3:30,5:45,8:00,10:05
■ **Little Fockers** (PG-13) 2:00,4:40,7:10,9:40
■ **How Do You Know** (PG-13) 1:00,3:50,6:40,9:30
■ **The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader** (PG) 6:30 P.M.
■ **The Tourist** (PG-13) 2:50,5:20,7:50,10:25

SHOWPLACE GALEWOOD 14 (AMC)

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■ **Gulliver's Travels** (PG) 1:00,3:10,5:30,8:00,10:15
■ **Little Fockers** (PG-13) 2:15,4:35,7:00,9:25
■ **Tron: Legacy** (PG) 1:10,1:55,4:00,4:45,6:45,7:35,9:40,10:25
■ **True Grit** (PG-13) 2:30,5:20,7:55,10:35
■ **Yogi Bear 3D** (PG) 2:50,5:05,7:25,9:30
■ **How Do You Know** (PG-13) 1:30,4:15,7:05,9:55
■ AMC Independent **The Fighter** (R) 2:10,4:50,7:30,10:10
■ **Yogi Bear** (PG) 2:00,4:20,6:30,8:30
■ **The Tourist** (PG-13) 2:40,5:10,7:50,10:20
■ **The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader** (PG) 2:25,5:00,7:40,10:30
■ **Unstoppable** (PG-13) 1:45,4:10,6:40,9:05
■ **Tangled** (PG) 1:35,4:25,6:50,9:15

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■ **The Social Network** (PG-13) 12:00,5:35
■ **Gulliver's Travels** (PG) 1:10,3:15,5:20,7:35,9:50
■ **Little Fockers** (PG-13) 12:15,1:35,2:35,4:00,5:00,6:30,7:30,9:00,10:00
■ **Tron: Legacy** (PG) 12:45,3:40,6:45,9:45
■ **True Grit** (PG-13) 12:00,2:30,5:05,7:40,10:15
■ AMC Independent **The Fighter** (R) 2:50,8:30
■ **Yogi Bear 3D** (PG) 12:30,2:30,4:45,7:00,9:15
■ **The Tourist** (PG-13) 12:05,2:25,4:55,7:30,10:00
■ **The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader** (PG) 1:45,4:15,6:50
■ **Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1** (PG-13) 9:10 P.M.
■ **Tangled** (PG) 1:40,4:30,7:25,10:10

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■ **Country Strong** (PG-13) ★ 1:10,4:00,7:00,9:50
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■ **The Tourist** (PG-13) 2:40,5:20,8:15,10:55
■ **Tangled 3D** (PG) 1:40,4:15,6:40

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■ **Little Fockers** (PG-13) **VIP Premium 21+** 12:50,3:30,6:00,8:40
■ **True Grit** (PG-13) **VIP Premium 21+** 1:30,4:30,7:30,10:30

OAK PARK

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■ **Little Fockers** (PG-13) 12:15,2:30,4:45,7:00,9:15
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“It’s always easier to send people home with stuff than it would be to run out of food.”

—Jeremy Zwillenberg



Home-cooked party

Grab a plate! Fine dining isn’t just for restaurants

By **Leonor Vivanco** | REDEYE

At Jeremy Zwillenberg’s loft-style apartment in Lincoln Park, the smell of more than 100 potato pancakes frying on the stove wafted in the air. In the oven sat two chickens and some beef roasts. Trays of kugel, a sweet noodle casserole, and stuffed green peppers waited to be baked. And 9 pounds of skirt steak cooked on the grill on his balcony.

Welcome to Latkes Fest 2010. At Zwillenberg’s post-Hanukkah dinner party, held for the fifth year last month, the latkes went, well, like hot cakes. But there still was more than enough food for the host’s 30 guests.

“It’s always easier to send people home with stuff than it would be to run out of food,” said Zwillenberg, 30, who is the general manager of Club Lucky in Bucktown.

That generous spirit may be just the thing behind a new-found interest this season in dinner parties, no longer the formal and stuffy soirees they once were.

Chicago-based food service consultant Technomic reports that more than one-third of respondents to a 2009 survey said they entertained at home more often compared with the prior year. And the pop culture arena has taken note, with reports that Bravo is developing a competitive dinner party show and word that actress Tori Spelling is working on a book about throwing shindigs, including dinner parties. Besides, who hasn’t been invited to one recently?

Though dinner parties are a little more upscale than a college house party, they don’t have to be formal sit-downs with name cards. Just a grown-up get-together without a keg or potato chips

as the main course. Think more wine and an oven-cooked meal.

As casual shindigs take center stage, there are certain party disasters to avoid, of course.

First thing’s first: Generally speaking, your living space doesn’t have to make or break your party, veteran party-throwers say. Use the space—inside or out—in creative ways to maximize what you have. Brittany Mitchell, 27, hosted a dinner party for eight in the walkway behind her boyfriend’s cramped space one summer to escape the heat of a stuffy apartment in Uptown.

That way, her guests were comfortable—a definite dinner party do, according to Patricia O’Brien, certified etiquette consultant and owner of Manners Please, a Skokie-based eti-

quette school.

Another thing to keep in mind: There’s no need to sweat the small stuff such as lack of seating. Chairs and tables can be rented.

Mitchell borrowed a couple of tables from work, bought affordable white dishes from IKEA and rented chairs from a party supply store. Chic touches to the table setting included a blue polka dot table cloth found at a craft supply store, votive candles and pink carnations.

Mitchell said she was nervous about the possibility of rain ruining the dinner, but Mother Nature thankfully cooperated.

“If things go wrong, just take it in stride,” said Mitchell, a grant writer who lives in Edgewater. “Everyone is usually happy to be invited to a party.”

Jeremy Zwillenberg (center) hosts a latke party at his Lincoln Park apartment.
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DO'S AND DON'T'S

Etiquette expert Patricia O'Brien, owner of Manners Please, a Skokie-based etiquette school, breaks down dinner party rules and what guests should avoid bringing to a party. L.V.

FOOD



Don't expect the food you bring to be served because the host already has set the menu and that dish might not fit.

Do bring something a host can enjoy outside the dinner party, such as candy or cookies. Consider bringing a basket of bagels, cream cheese, scones and jam for the host to have for breakfast the following day.

WINE



Don't pay way too much or way too little for a bottle.

Do bring a bottle in the \$10-to-\$15 price range.

GIFTS



Don't bring flowers to the dinner because the host will have to take time away from entertaining guests to find a vase and arrange the flowers. If you want to give flowers, send them ahead of time or the following day.

Do give thank-you gifts such as tins of tea, candles, note cards or fancy dish towels.

LIFESAVERS FOR HOSTS

Event expert Frank J. Andonoplas, owner of Frank Event Design in Edgewater, offered some pointers to keep your dinner party from going awry. L.V.

- » Have backup food and liquor. The last thing you want to do is run out of something.
- » Be aware of any food allergies that guests might have.
- » Be prepared if someone brings a guest unexpectedly. Be gracious and accommodate the guest as best you can. And scratch the first person off your list for future fetes for being rude.
- » Make sure nobody drives home if they can't.

O'Brien agrees. "People are there to come and enjoy you and enjoy all their friends. They're not there to criticize that everything isn't matching," she said.

Hosting dinner parties at home can save money compared with dining out, said Melissa Wilson, a representative for Technomic.

"Even though the recession caused [consumers] to cut back in their spending and make trade-offs in their lives, they still wanted to be able to socialize with friends and family, and they just changed where they do it," she said. "They were really enjoying reconnecting with friends at home instead of restaurants."

When it comes to food, O'Brien suggests hosts should be aware of guests' dislikes and food preferences. They also should ask about food allergies. She recommends serving vegetable and meat dishes and staying away from using peanuts as an ingredient because many people are allergic to them. "You need to make sure you have a variety of things that everybody can eat," she said.

Sarah Black, who's a vegetarian, knows that tip. She wanted to please all of her guests, so she served lemon garlic angel hair pasta with salad and bread at one dinner party and hosted a Thanksgiving potluck another weekend.

"I don't like cooking for just myself. I wanted an excuse to make a full meal for a bunch of people," said Black, 22, of Lakeview.

"It makes sense for other people because they're not going out to eat and pay money. It's more of a comfortable thing—there isn't a formal attitude about going out to eat. It's nice to be able to hang out and go out afterward or stay in."

Chicago's frosty weather also may be contributing to people hosting more dinner parties, said Dan Cohen, who lives in Lincoln Park and works as a public relations manager.

"As winter gets cold, people want to stay in more," said Cohen, 30, who brought a veggie salad to Zwillenberg's latke party. "I feel like we are all very busy these days. ... This is the perfect way to catch up with people and meet people." LVIVANCO@TRIBUNE.COM

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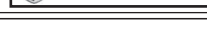
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Pisces Feb. 19-March 20

You'll have more energy than you've had in weeks, thanks to three friendly planets. You'll go on six dates in one evening and seduce strangers wherever you go. You'll attract tons of attention and enjoy getting into some lusty trouble.



Aries March 21-April 19

A casual friend is suddenly turning passionate. Maybe your longtime buddy has been nursing a crush on you. Or perhaps a work acquaintance has been longing for you. Venus says check it out.



Taurus April 20-May 20

You're overdosing on sex. You've fallen in lust with someone amazing and are spending every possible moment together. Or you've hooked up with someone tantalizing who has cast a sensual spell on you. The sun says enjoy it.



Gemini May 21-June 21

Two planets are teaming up to make things better. Your love life was turning you into a drooling basket case, but things are back to normal. Start talking with your lover about your dreams for the future. It's safe to do this now.



Cancer June 22-July 22

Mercury is moving opposite your sign, making you more tongue tied than usual. Just when someone hot gives you the eye, you'll make some stupid comment and spoil the moment.



Leo July 23-Aug. 22

You're torn between two lovers, thanks to the moon. One is your intellectual match. The other is simply a hot bedmate. Since you probably can't splice these two people together, you'll have to make a decision.



Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22

Jupiter continues to bum you out. You thought you did all the right things in your relationship but things still imploded. Or maybe you worked hard for a promotion only to get laid off. Don't worry. Early in 2011 things will be a lot better.



Libra

Sept. 23-Oct. 23

You might receive a call from a former flame who wants you back. Mars is creating some flirtatious moments, but don't get too crazy. Maybe the past should remain in the past.



Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 21

Your partner might be applying pressure. Your lady friend wants to get married. Your longtime guy is suddenly talking about having six kids. Meanwhile, you have problems at work. Mars says take a rain check on dealing with the personal stuff.



Sagittarius

Nov. 22-Dec. 21

Mercury is making communication sexier than usual. You could send several sext messages and lure him or her closer. Or you might have a flirty conversation with a single friend over the phone. The plot thickens.

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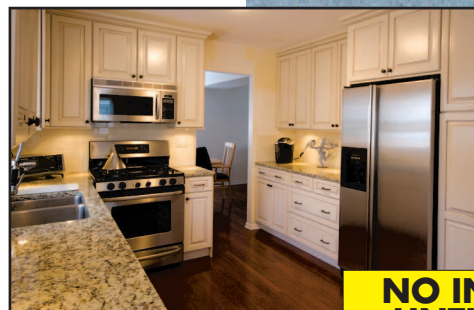
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ACROSS

- 1 ___ and tuck; like a tight race
- 4 "Beat it!"
- 8 Uses a sieve
- 13 Concern
- 14 Ice cream scoop holder
- 15 Actor ___ Flynn
- 16 Owl's cry
- 17 Learn by ___; memorize
- 18 Mrs. George W. Bush
- 19 Unlimited power
- 22 All ___; ready
- 23 Handgun
- 24 Pleasure boat
- 26 Widemouthed cooking vessel
- 29 Die from lack of nourishment
- 32 Bare the teeth
- 36 ___ of Wight
- 38 Banister
- 39 Survive despite difficulties
- 40 Place of refuge
- 41 Flower stalk
- 42 Deadly vipers
- 43 Liberated
- 44 Gnaws
- 45 Tenet
- 47 Chicken of the Sea
- 49 Map within a map
- 51 Magazine head
- 56 Defunct airline
- 58 Avant-garde
- 61 Capital of Vietnam
- 63 Walked heavily
- 64 In the sack
- 65 Dad's brother
- 66 Alleviate
- 67 Haughtiness
- 68 Tiny granules
- 69 Recolored
- 70 Calico or cougar

DOWN

- 1 Singer ___ Judd
- 2 Actor Jeremy
- 3 ___ four; small cake
- 4 Move down a computer page

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- 5 Old codger
- 6 Feed the kitty
- 7 -weeny
- 8 Choose
- 9 Tax-deferred acct.
- 10 Thwart
- 11 Ripped
- 12 Bench piece
- 13 Use an ax
- 20 Swimming spot
- 21 Matters taken to court
- 25 Severe

- 27 Fib teller
- 28 Valuable
- 30 Panorama
- 31 Shade trees
- 32 Strikebreaker
- 33 Smeller's need
- 34 Refrigerator or stove
- 35 Varnish ingredient
- 37 In ___ of; as substitute for
- 40 Bid
- 44 Impolite jerks
- 46 Catches sight of

- 48 Required
- 50 Carried
- 52 Son of Abraham
- 53 Leg bone
- 54 Obvious
- 55 Cincinnati baseball team
- 56 Therefore
- 57 Diminish
- 59 Elephant's color
- 60 Stood
- 62 Over the hill

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Director Ron Howard (center) sits with columnist Luis Arroyave at Saturday's Bulls game. NUCCIO DINUZZO/TRIBUNE



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Going the extra smile

Talk about a dilemma—Ron Howard can't keep his party face on

Rather than watch the Luvabulls perform during a break in action at Saturday's Bulls-Boston game, one 20-something Celtics fan sitting in the front row at the United Center turned and pointed his camera at Ron Howard, who was sitting two rows behind him.

"The guy looks away from the girls to take a picture of me?" Howard joked to me after obliging the fan with a smile. "Not sure what to make of that."

It would be one of many times Howard, in Chicago promoting his upcoming comedy, "The Dilemma," would have a camera pointed at him that night. That's what happens when you are an Oscar-winning director. Well,

that and you appear on the big screen at sporting events.

Howard gave a thumbs-up and smiled when he appeared on the United Center big screen—or maybe he already was smiling. When Howard appeared in Jamie Foxx's star-studded music video for "Blame It," director Hype Williams had to ask him to stop smiling.

"[Hype] wanted us to walk into the club with our party face on, but my party face is usually, 'Hey guys! How's it going?'" Howard said with an exaggerated grin. "Forest Whitaker had to help me with my party face. Right before the scene, Hype was screaming, 'Don't smile, Ron. Ron, don't smile.'"

"The Dilemma," in theaters Friday, is Howard's first comedy since 2000's "How the Grinch Stole Christmas." The movie stars Vince Vaughn and revolves around his character's pre-

dicament when he discovers his best friend's wife is having an affair.

"It's really a fantastic vehicle that delivers what fans want from a Vince Vaughn movie but also something unexpected," Howard said. "It's edgier than you'd expect and thought-provoking. Almost like a comedy psychological thriller."

At Saturday's game, the Bears' Devin Hester and Johnny Knox, sitting in the first row next to the Celtics bench, also would get their turn on the United Center video screen. But the two wide receivers took the opposite approach and kept straight faces, as if they weren't being watched by more than 22,000 fans.

"Why don't they smile?" Howard asked before realizing, "Oh, that's their party face."

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SIGHTINGS

» **Channing Tatum** watched the Blackhawks defeat the Ottawa Senators on Friday at the United Center.

» The Bears' **Jay Cutler** and reality TV star **Kristin Cavallari** dined Tuesday at Sunda. Twelve Bears players—including Cutler, Olsen, Olin Kreutz and Israel Idonije—had dinner Monday at Japonais. Cutler later was spotted at District with teammates.

» Injured Bulls star **Joakim Noah** was spotted at Japonais and The Underground following Saturday's Bulls-Boston Celtics game. He also dined Tuesday at Japonais.



» Magician **David Blaine** dined Thursday at Sprout in Lincoln Park.

» The Bears' **Matt Forte** and **Greg Olsen** had dinner Thursday at Mastro's Steakhouse before attending the premiere of "The Dilemma" at AMC River East.

» The Blackhawks' **Jack Skille** and **Jake Dowell** had dinner at Hub 51 on Saturday.

» "Couples Retreat" director and "A Christmas Story" star **Peter Billingsley** hit Bull & Bear on Tuesday.

ABOUT THIS WEEK

» The Cubs' **Kerry Wood** will tape an episode of the online show "Diamond Gems" at O'Donovan's on West Irving Park Road on Wednesday.

» Public House will celebrate its official grand opening weekend with a DJ appearance by **Samantha Ronson** on Saturday and a performance by YouTube lip-syncing star Keenan Cahill on Sunday.



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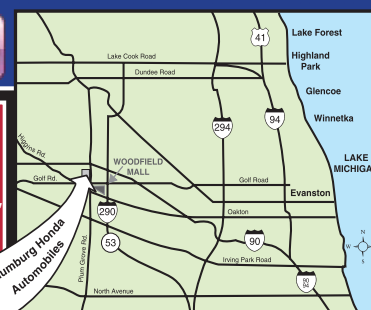
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Weird science

Beware of cloned T. rexes. NASA recently named "Jurassic Park" one of the most plausible sci-fi movie plots during a conference with Hollywood types about the irrational stories in some recent flicks, **avclub.com** reports. The worst offender: "2012," the John Cusack flick about the end of days. NASA received so many letters of concern after the movie was released in 2009, the agency created a website to expose the bad science behind the flick.

Good to be 'Glee'

It was a big weekend for Glee. No only did series co-creator Ryan Murphy confirm to **ew.com** that Gwyneth Paltrow will return to "Glee" as a sex ed teacher for two more episodes, he also revealed that the series will cover Lady Gaga's upcoming single, "Born This Way," in March or April.

'Knocked Up 2'?

Leslie Mann and Paul Rudd are ready to continue the lovefest. The actors, who played a married couple in "Knocked Up," will repeat their roles in Judd Apatow's next movie, **variety.com** reports. There's no word whether Katherine Heigl and Seth Rogen will be back in their original roles—but we think they'd have to be on a desert island not to.

David and Victoria Beckham are just septuplets away from fielding their own soccer team. The couple are expecting their fourth child, a rep confirmed Sunday to Reuters. The L.A. Galaxy star and his wife have three sons: Brooklyn, 11, Romeo, 8, and Cruz, 5. Who's betting on a girl this time?



David and Victoria Beckham
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'True' hit

Funny what a little Academy Awards buzz and weak competition can do for a 3-week-old movie. "True Grit" finally reached the top of the box-office chart with \$15 million during the weekend, toppling "Little Fockers," according to The Associated Press. It has become the first Western to pass \$100 million since the 1990s and also the first Coen brothers movie to top \$100 million.

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Wild west

Before "True Grit," what was the last Western to earn at least \$100 million at the box office? Text "**west**" followed by the number of your answer to **87708**. We'll send you a return text letting you know if you're right.

1. "Brokeback Mountain"
2. "Unforgiven"
3. "Young Guns II"
4. "Wild Wild West"



Jeff Bridges
in 'True Grit'

THE DIGIT

8.4 million

That's the number of viewers who tuned in to Thursday's season premiere of MTV's ratings gorilla "Jersey Shore," according to **latimes.com**, making it the highest-rated series telecast in the network's history.



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